

NIMITZ OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER FACT SHEET

The Nimitz Operational Intelligence Center is the Navy's pre-eminent Center of Excellence for operational and strategic analysis of events associated with the maritime domain. The center supports operational commanders and national policymakers, and provides timely and relevant analysis tailored to meet customer requirements. The Nimitz is one of four Centers of Excellence under the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI).



Mission

The Nimitz Operational Intelligence Center creates decisional advantage for naval and national leadership through deep, penetrating knowledge of the global maritime environment, as enabled through persistent and incisive analysis by naval, civil maritime and regional experts.

Functions, Roles & Responsibilities

Geographically-Oriented Cells

The Nimitz Center's geographically-oriented cells and detachments are scalable teams focused on specific areas of interest. The cells are supported by tactical operations experts (SABER, SPEAR, SWORD), and provide extensive knowledge to Navy operational forces and planners on strategy, doctrine, capabilities, operations, readiness, tactics, and plans of potential naval adversaries.



Transnational Threat Department (TNT)

The TNT provides ONI the intelligence analytic and information management baseline capability underpinning commitment to the achievement of Global Maritime Intelligence

Integration (GMII) and Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA). As such, TNT partners with analysts from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) Multiple Threat Analysis Center (MTAC) and the U.S. Coast Guard Intelligence Coordination Center (ICC) to provide in-depth term, trend, operational, and current analysis designed to counter maritime terrorism, illicit weapons proliferation, and narcotics smuggling as well as to counter maritime crime and piracy. In addition, TNT analysts provide a broad range of Fleet, DoD and national customers with strategic and operational maritime awareness in the form of global commercial energy and other types of maritime trade analysis, cargo transactional analysis and civil maritime ship movement tracking and analysis.

Fleet Support Department (FSD)

The FSD integrates the Nimitz Center's geographically oriented cells (GeoCells) with the Global Maritime Intelligence Watch regional desks to provide naval, maritime and indications and warning (I&W) support to the Fleet, DoD, national intelligence agencies, U.S. law enforcement organizations, and other U.S. government agencies and allies. The GeoCells are scalable teams, supported by tactical operations experts (SPEAR, SABER, SWORD) that provide extensive knowledge to Navy operational forces and planners on strategy, doctrine, capabilities, operations, readiness, tactics, and plans of potential naval adversaries. The Watch operates 24/7 to extend and tailor this deep knowledge to the Fleet and other customers while maintaining situational awareness on high interest shipping and naval-associated activity, and provides

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current civil maritime location data on vessels sailing throughout the world. Together, this department delivers analytic excellence directly to the doorstep of both senior policy makers and deployed forces.

Fleet Intelligence Specialist Team (FIST)

FIST provides fleet commanders access to a group of highly skilled imagery analysts. The team is composed of a Direct Support Element (Afloat) and a Tactical Reachback Element (Shore) that maintains a continuous watch in support of deployed naval forces. The FIST mission includes I&W through the exploitation of imagery obtained by national, theater, tactical, and commercial means. FIST support is Fleet-focused, and also responds to CNO and nationally directed requirements that support relief operations associated with natural disasters.

Fleet Intelligence Detachment (FID)

In 2009, Navy Cyber Forces (NAVCYBERFOR) established the Fleet Intelligence Detachment, Washington, D.C., at ONI to improve the training of afloat operational intelligence (OPINTEL) officers and Intelligence Specialists (IS) with an Imagery Interpretation Naval Enlisted Code. The officers obtain OPINTEL training mostly within Nimitz departments while the ISs receive imagery interpretation training primarily through FIST prior to deployment. When not deployed, FID personnel integrate within

ONI to continue advanced training and provide reachback support to the Fleet.

Naval War College (NWC) Detachment (DET)

The Naval War College Detachment provides intelligence support to the college's research, analysis, and war gaming programs, and facilitates ONI access to research and analytic expertise. The DET is uniquely positioned to collectively develop solutions to complex maritime challenges facing our nation and the world.

Naval Warfare Department

SABER, SPEAR and SWORD provide dedicated, core-support functions to warfare enterprises:

- **SABER** – The Surface Analysis Branch for Evaluation and Reporting provides tailored operational threat assessments to operational commanders and mission planners.
- **SPEAR** – The Strike Projection Evaluation and Anti-Air Warfare Research Division provides operational threat assessments of near-term, air warfare capabilities associated with countries of interest.
- **SWORD** – The Submarine Warfare Operations Research Division provides the Navy and the national Intelligence Community with analysis of submarine and anti-submarine capabilities, operations and tactics of countries of interest.